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This report contains the results from the *2015 September Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Record Soybean Production Forecast for the State**  
**Sorghum Production Up from Last Year**  
**Corn, Cotton, and Rice Production Down from Last Year**

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 88.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 11 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 188 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last month but up 1 bushel from last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the state. Producers expect to harvest 470,000 acres of corn for grain, down 60,000 acres from 2014.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 520,000 bales, down 80,000 bales from the August 1 forecast and 267,000 bales below last year. Yield is expected to average 1,218 pounds per harvested acre, down 8 pounds from last month but up 73 pounds from 2014. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Planted acreage is revised to 210,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from June 2015. Harvested acreage is revised from 235,000 acres to 205,000 acres. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acres on record in the state.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 95.9 million hundredweight, down 8 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 14 percent from last year’s production of 112 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 7,400 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from last month and down 160 pounds from last year’s record yield. Planted acreage is revised to 1.32 million acres, down 75,000 acres from June 2015. Breakdowns by grain length are: long grain planted area is 1.07 million acres, medium grain planted area is 245,000 acres, and short grain planted area is 1,000 acres. Harvested acreage for all rice is revised to 1.30 million acres, down 89,000 acres from last month.

**Sorghum** for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 48 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 200 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 100 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last month but up 3 bushels from 2014. Area for grain harvest, at 480,000 acres, is up 315,000 acres from 2014.

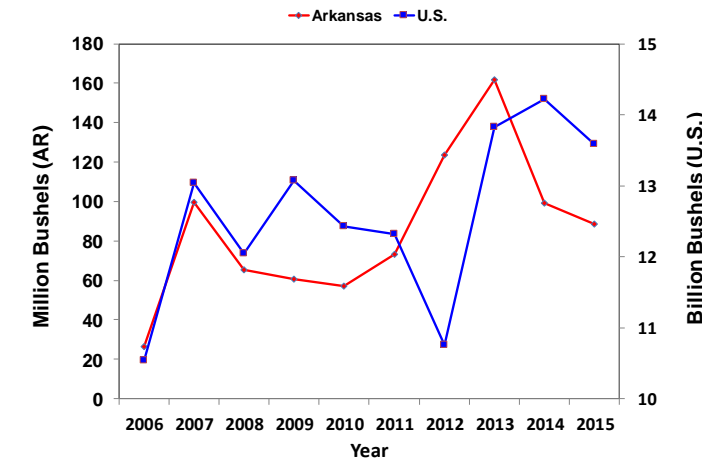
**Soybean** production in 2015 is forecast at 167 million bushels, unchanged from last month’s forecast but up 4 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 53 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Area for harvest, at 3.16 million acres, is down 50,000 acres from 2014.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted September 1, 2015

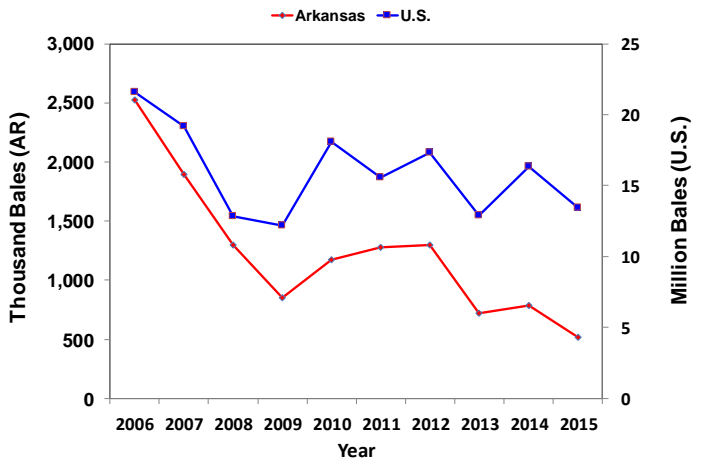
Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	530	470	187	188	99,110	88,360
Cotton, All	1	330	205	1,145	1,218	787	520
Rice, All	2	1,480	1,296	7,560	7,400	111,957	95,904
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	165	480	97	100	16,005	48,000
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,210	3,160	50.0	53.0	160,500	167,480
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	83,136	81,101	171.0	167.5	14,215,532	13,584,945
Cotton, All	1	9,346.8	8,166.3	838	789	16,319.4	13,428.0
Peanuts	Pounds	1,325	1,582	3,932	3,996	5,210,100	6,321,400
Rice, All	2	2,919	2,570	7,572	7,374	221,035	189,512
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	6,401	7,673	67.6	74.9	432,575	574,383
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	83,061	83,549	47.8	47.1	3,968,823	3,935,277
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	870.3	880.7	35.0	35.4	30,424	31,197

<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.  
<sup>2</sup> Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

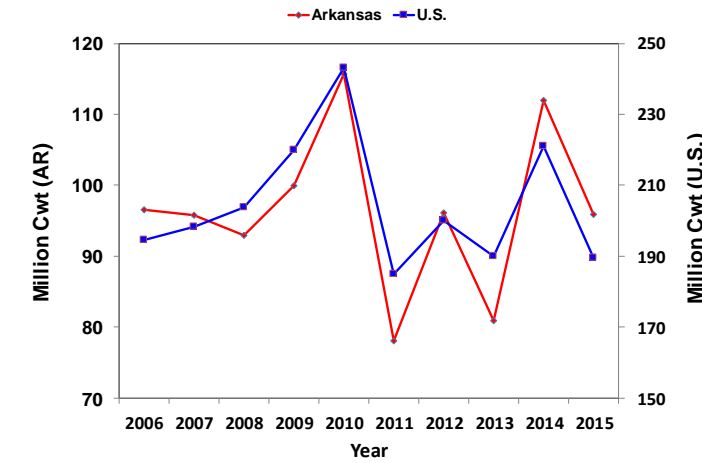
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>



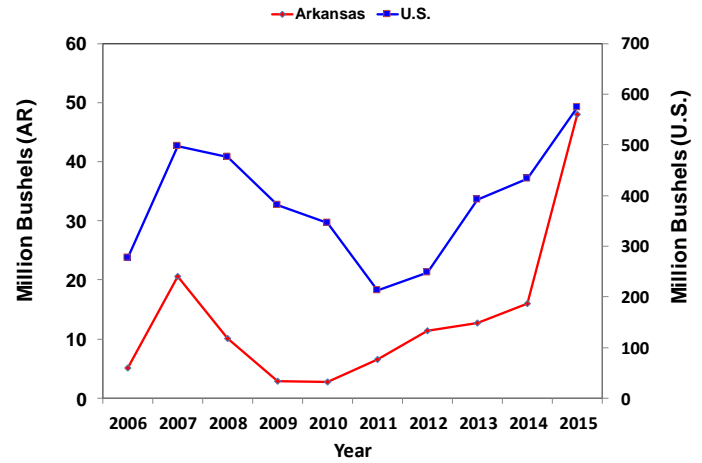
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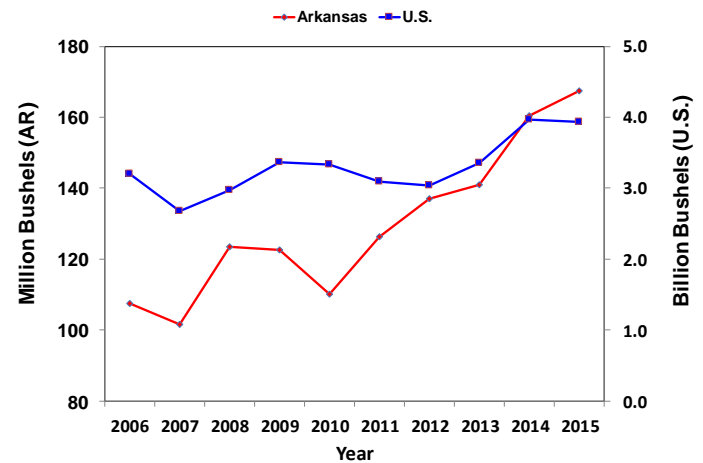
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>



Sorghum: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>



Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2015 as of September 1, 2015.